

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing privacy preferences or access to restricted information, comprising:

tagging restricted or personal information in a content object to distinguish the restricted or personal information from an unrestricted portion of the object content;

defining the content object to include the unrestricted portion of the object content in a mark-up language and a link to the restricted or personal information, wherein the content object comprises one of a white paper, a case study, a press release, and an article by an author, wherein the unrestricted portion of the content object including a title, an abstract, and a description, and wherein the restricted information comprises personal identification information of the author;

~~parsing the content object to separate privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of an author or owner of the content object from the content object and to provide access to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences in response to the content object being collected to satisfy a request; and~~

distributing the content object based on the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences.

2. Canceled.

3. Canceled.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
storing the content object; and

providing access to the content object.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
storing the restricted or personal information in a different location from the  
content object; and  
providing access to the restricted or personal information via the link, wherein the  
link comprises a secure connection.

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving the request for information;  
interrogating content sources; and  
collecting any content objects responsive to the request from the content sources.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein collecting any content objects  
responsive to the request comprises using a collection function.

8. Canceled.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising distributing any content object  
responsive to the request to a privacy function.

10. Canceled.

11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising locating or  
accessing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences using another link.

12. (Previously Amended) The method of claim of claim 9, further comprising  
comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of the author or owner of the  
content object to a content provider's policies.

13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising distributing the content object to a requester without any modification to the content object in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of the author or owner of the content object being consistent with the content provider's policies.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

deleting or replacing the restricted or personal information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of the author or owner of the content object being inconsistent with the content provider's policies;

repackaging the content object in response to deleting or replacing the restricted or personal information; and

distributing the repacked content object to a requester without the restricted or personal information which has ~~be~~ been deleted or replaced by the default or generic information.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing privacy or access to restricted information, comprising:

collecting a content object responsive to a request;

accessing privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of an author or owner of the content object;

comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of the author or owner of the content object to [[a]] the content provider's policies;

~~deleting or~~ replacing private or restricted information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being inconsistent with the content provider's policies, wherein the content provider collects the content object and has access to the private or restricted information;

repackaging the content object in response to ~~deleting or~~ replacing the private or restricted information; and

distributing the ~~repacked~~ repackaged content object to a requester without the private or restricted information.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising distributing the content object as originally constituted in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being consistent with the content provider's policies.

17. Canceled.

18. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising using a collection function to collect the content object responsive to the request.

19. Canceled.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising distributing any content object in response to the request to a privacy function.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising parsing the content object to ~~separate the~~ provide access to privacy preferences or other restriction preferences ~~from an unrestricted portion of the content object.~~

22. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising locating or accessing the privacy preferences or restriction preferences using a link.

23.-45. Cancelled.